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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
JUDICIARY

Tuesday, February 16, 2016

12:00 p.m.

Room 521 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Judiciary was called to order by Chairman Kesto.

Members present: Reps. Kesto, Lucido, Heise, Johnson, Howrylak, Cole, Runestad, Irwin, Robinson, Chang, Guerra.

Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Lucido moved to adopt the minutes of February 9, 2016. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Kesto laid the following bill before the committee:

HB 4436 (Lucido)	Traffic control; driver license; grant of restricted driving privileges by a court reviewing the denial, suspension, or revocation of a driver license; allow.
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Representative Lucido moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) to HB 4436. The motion prevailed, the vote being 11-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Kesto, Lucido, Heise, Johnson, Howrylak, Cole, Runestad, Irwin, Robinson, Chang, Guerra.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

David Richmond, representing the Michigan Secretary of State, testified with a neutral position on the bill substitute. Questions and discussion followed.

Cami Pendell, representing the Michigan Judges Association, submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Lucido moved to report out HB 4436 with recommendation as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed, the vote being 11-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Kesto, Lucido, Heise, Johnson, Howrylak, Cole, Runestad, Irwin, Robinson, Chang, Guerra.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Chairman Kesto laid the following bill before the committee:

HB 4587 (Callton) Civil procedure; other; claims of patent infringement made in bad faith; prohibit, and provide remedies for.

Representative Callton and David Worthams, representing the Michigan Bankers Association, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

David Worthams, representing the Michigan Bankers Association, submitted a card and written testimony in support of the bill

Wendy Block, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Chairman Kesto laid the following bill before the committee:

HB 4911 (Crawford) Children; adoption; option to disclose identity of paternity in a private adoption; allow.

Representative Crawford testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Chairman Kesto laid the following bill before the committee:

SB 551 (Schuitmaker) Probate; wills and estates; designation of a funeral representative to make disposition arrangements for decedent; provide for.

Senator Schuitmaker; Cana Garrison, representing the Michigan Funeral Directors Association; Peter Ellsworth, representing the Michigan Funeral Directors Association and Dickinson-Wright; and Ryan Bourjaily, representing the Probate and Estate Planning Section of the State Bar of Michigan, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

The following individuals submitted cards in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Alan Wachendorfer, representing the National Association of Social Workers, Michigan.

Bill Kandler, representing the Michigan Probate Judges Association.

Tabitha Zimny, representing Gift of Life Michigan.

Tabitha Zimny, representing the Michigan Academy of Family Physicians.

Chairman Kesto laid the following bill before the committee:

HB 4599 (Schor) Probate; wills and estates; designation of funeral representative to make disposition arrangements for decedent; allow.

Representative Schor testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

The following individuals submitted cards in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Alan Wachendorfer, representing the National Association of Social Workers, Michigan.
Peter Ellsworth, representing the Michigan Funeral Directors Association and Dickinson-Wright.

Chairman Kesto laid the following bill before the committee:

SB 471 (Robertson) Courts; district court; sixty-seventh district; clarify fourth division jurisdiction.

Representative Heise moved to report out SB 471 with recommendation. The motion prevailed, the vote being 10-0-1.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Kesto, Lucido, Heise, Johnson, Howrylak, Cole, Irwin,
Robinson, Chang, Guerra.
Nays: None.
Pass: Rep. Runestad.

There being no further business before the committee, Chairman Kesto adjourned the meeting, the time being 12:53 p.m.

Representative Klint Kesto, Chair_____

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